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## IMPORTANT RUSSIAN FORCE IS LANDED IN SALONIKI TO HELP OFFENSIVE OF ALLIES

First Detachment of Czar's Troops Disembark For Campaign in Greece—Assigned to Positions With Serbian Forces at Battlefront.

Five Entente Nations Now Represented in This Theatre of War—General Von Mackensen is Now Directing Bulgar Attacks

Athens, Monday, July 31, 6 p. m. (Via London, Aug. 22, 4:25 p. m.) (Delayed by censor)—An initial brigade of Russian troops has arrived at Saloniki to join the entente allies in the fighting in the Balkans. After a conference of the French, British, Serbian and Russian commanders at Saloniki today it was decided that the newly arrived Russian forces should take up positions with the Serbian troops on the southern frontier of Serbia.

The Serbo-Russian force was prepared under a combined staff of which Crown Prince Alexander, of Serbia, is the nominal commander. The Russian general Friedericz is in actual command.

The advance of the Russians has created a profound impression here. Even the royalists, who have consistently opposed participation in the war by Greece on the side of the entente allies, seemed almost stunned by the news that Russian troops had arrived to take part in the campaign which under other conditions might have been taken by the Greek army.

The general feeling here is that the bringing in of Russian troops has dispelled definitely the dream of a greater Greece which was conceived a year and a half ago by the then Premier, Venizelos, who carried Greece well on the way toward entrance in the war with the entente allies.

It is regarded as possible that the presence of Russian forces in Macedonia will effect a change in the attitude of Bulgaria. In some quarters irritation is expressed at the recent foreign policy of the Greek government which is said to have overlooked the interests of this nation.

**ITALIAN CONTINGENT LANDED AT SALONIKI OF IMPORTANT SIZE**

Paris, Aug. 22.—The Italian contingent of troops landing at Saloniki is of important proportions, according to information here. In addition, the Temps in its review of the military situation alludes to the presence of Russian troops along the Vardar river, which if confirmed would make five allied contingents engaged in the entente campaign in the Balkans.

The announcement of the landing of the Italian troops at Saloniki is regarded here as deeply significant, indicating an important reinforcement of the already large army of the entente allies composed mainly of British and Serbian troops.

The Italian movement also is construed as showing that comprehensive political agreements have been arranged in advance as hitherto it was understood Italy withdrew from participation in the Balkan campaign out of consideration for Greek sensibilities over the predominance of their influence in the eastern Mediterranean.

The participation of the Italians in the Balkan campaign also is considered another evidence of the international spirit prevailing among the allies and is compared to the sending of the Russian contingents to France. By this movement the allies are distributing their effectiveness far beyond their own borders.

**GEN. VON MACKENZEN DIRECTS BULGARIANS**

Athens, Aug. 22.—The occupation of Kastoria and Corysta by the Bulgarian troops is confirmed. News from an official source says that the German field marshal, August von Mackensen, is with the Bulgarians. The military movements of the entente allies are hindered by the flight of the civil population before the Bulgarian advance.

Kastoria is 35 miles south of Monastir on the extreme left entente front in Macedonia. It lies about 30 miles southwest of Florina.

Field Marshal von Mackensen was reported at Kovel in July to direct operations against the Russians in Volhynia.

London, Aug. 22.—Greek troops have been fighting the Bulgarians in the vicinity of Serres since Sunday.

## HER TROOPS MOBILIZED, RUMANIA IS LIKELY TO JOIN WITH ALLIES SOON

Paris, Aug. 22.—All the morning newspapers comment at length on the possibility of Rumania joining in the war. The meetings that are in progress in Bucharest are taken to mean that all the various developments in the situation are being seriously considered and the general tone of the comment is that the decisive moment for Rumania's action has arrived.

On all sides it is agreed that a new phase in Balkan history is opening and the discussion by the press of the various diplomatic phases of the Rumanian situation is followed by an examination of the strength of the Rumanian army.

The statement is made on good authority that the number of Rumanian troops that can be mobilized exceeds 800,000 and that the army is in the best of condition after a long preparation.

**TROOPS ARE MOBILIZED.**

Berlin, Aug. 22.—The Budapest Az Est, which is usually well informed on the Rumanian situation, today prints a despatch from its Bucharest correspondent saying that the agitation for war, which in the last few days has been at fever heat, has suddenly cooled. It is stated that possibly the end of the mobilization is responsible for the change, if not the serious words uttered in the Hungarian parliament.

(This is the first hint of a Rumanian mobilization that has been permitted to pass the allied censorship. Almost nothing has come through since the Balkan situation in its present phase reached a critical stage.)

The Bucharest despatch adds that there is no doubt that Premier Bratianu has reached an understanding with the entente so that further negotiations are unnecessary now for actual participation in the war. Meanwhile, the semi-official Rumanian press is savagely attacking the conservative organ which undertook to discuss mobilization and related measures.

More ammunition from France and Russia is asserted to be arriving.

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Bound Over Accused of Holding Up Chance Acquaintance in Stratford

(Special to The Farmer.)

Stratford, Aug. 22.—Probable cause was found today in the Stratford town court by Deputy Judge Frank E. Blakeman against Anthony Aurilio of 87 Clarence street, Bridgeport, and Herman Gilbert, who gave his address as New York, charged with theft of \$18 from Theodore Allen, a barber, of 478 Lafayette street, Bridgeport. The two men were bound over to the superior court under bonds of \$250. Up to late this afternoon they were unable to procure a bondsman.

Mr. Allen told the court today that he was given his regular day off and took a trip to Walnut Beach. Near 11 o'clock he boarded a car for Bridgeport at Walnut Beach station. Aurilio and Gilbert also boarded the car. The three engaged in a conversation and Allen, telling them that he was a stranger, asked Aurilio where he could buy a glass of beer.

Gilbert replied that he knew a place and all three alighted from the car at East Main street, Stratford. After Allen walked a considerable distance he inquired of them concerning the saloon. They replied "We will be there in a few minutes." Allen said, "I guess I won't bother," and started to turn back.

Gilbert grabbed him by the throat, he alleged, and Aurilio rifled his pockets. Having procured the money both disappeared in the darkness and Allen made his way back to East Main street and Ferry Boulevard.

He told Raymond McBride, who conducts the bar at the Stratford Inn of his encounter and of his being bereft of all his money. State Policeman Rowe H. Wheeler, who happened to be in Konert's garage next door to the Stratford Inn, was notified and set after the two highwaymen. He chased them through East Main street, past the Westgate Country club and finally apprehended them on the highway a few hundred yards beyond Washington bridge, Milford.

Both were searched. On the person of Gilbert was found \$9.75 and Aurilio had \$5.25 in his pockets. Gilbert also carried a skeleton key and Aurilio a flashlight.

State Policeman Wheeler brought them back to the Inn and Allen identified them as the men who held him up. Aurilio and Gilbert told Wheeler that they had been walking to the beach, having jumped off the car at Washington bridge.

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**Half Million Lost To New Haven Road By Thefts Annually**

Hartford, Aug. 22.—The striking statement was made in police court today that the New Haven road was losing \$500,000 a year through petty thefts. William Garrity, a brakeman in the employ of the road 26 years, was fined \$10 for stealing 20 bottles of beer from a car. A warrant was issued for Ralph Christopher, a conductor.

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**CONWAY FOR SENATOR**

Albany, Aug. 22.—Former Lieutenant Governor Thomas Conway, filed with the secretary of state today his petition designating him as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States senator.

## MERCURY OUT FOR SUMMER RECORD TODAY

Still Going Strong at 12:30 P. M. After Hitting the 93 Mark

TEMPERATURE AT 73 ALL THROUGH NIGHT

No Heat Prostrations Reported Despite Fierceness of Sun

The mercurial column set out this afternoon to beat its own record for altitude, and it was going so strong at 12:30 o'clock that Weather Observer William Jennings believed the 1916 record made two weeks ago, 95, would be smashed.

Observer Jennings reported that at noon the recorder showed 90 degrees and at 12:30, 93. The temperature was 73 all night, which is a considerable degree of warmth for night time—take it from the observer.

At 7:30 this morning the persons who report for work at 8 o'clock prophesied to a man, woman and child that it was gonna be a hot day. The temperature then was 82.

The hottest day in Observer Jennings' memory was characterized by 101 degrees of temperature.

**New York Swelters.**

New York, Aug. 22.—Heat records were threatened early today, the mercury in the weather bureau's thermometer registering 85 at 9:30 a. m. Prostrations were numerous but no deaths were reported during the morning.

**NINETY AT NEW HAVEN**

New Haven, Aug. 22.—The way the mercury mounted in the tube this forenoon suggested to Weather Observer Tarr that this would be the season's hottest day here. At noon the figure was doing better than 90.

## DOCTORS ARE 'BABYING' ON BIG QUESTION

Sophian Declares It Isn't Up to Them to Decide Whether or Not Bridgeport Will Have City Hospital, But to the People of City.

The Bridgeport Medical association is "babying" the question, when it gives an opinion as to how the need for increased hospital facilities should be met by the people of Bridgeport, according to Dr. Abraham Sophian, at whose suggestion, a city hospital is being planned.

"The society has agreed that better facilities are needed. That ends their part. It is for the people of Bridgeport to decide whether or not a city hospital shall be built," declared the epidemiologist this afternoon.

Dr. Sophian attended a long meeting this afternoon of the health officers of Fairfield county, held in The Stratfield. The meeting decided two questions, and then adjourned for luncheon, after which the meeting was resumed.

It was agreed that six weeks shall be the minimum period of quarantine for Fairfield county infantile paralysis cases that aren't removed to an isolation hospital.

The physicians and sanitary experts discussed quarantining persons who have been exposed to infantile paralysis, and who might become cases. It was agreed that they should be kept under observation at least two weeks.

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## STURDEE'S FLEET GIVEN BIG PRIZE FOR SEA VICTORY

London, Aug. 22.—A prize court today awarded 12,100 pounds sterling prize bounty to the officers and crew of the squadron of Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee, which destroyed the German Pacific squadron in the battle of the Falkland Islands in December of 1914. The bounty was determined by the number of men aboard the destroyed ships, five pounds being awarded to each man.

This is the largest amount of prize money awarded since the outbreak of the war.

**MEEKER ESTATE \$4,000.**

Mary E. Meeker of Easton left \$4,221.22 cash in banks according to the inventory filed in the probate court today by Edward Dargan and James Eastwood, appraisers of her estate. There is \$1,170.60 in the Southport Savings bank and \$3,050.56 in the City Savings bank.

**THE WEATHER**

Connecticut—Fair tonight and Wednesday, cooler. Light to moderate south winds.

## FATHER INVALID, FAMILY OF NINE FACING EVICTION

Able to Support Themselves, They Seek Aid of City to Find Shelter

LANDLORD WANTS HOME FOR FRIEND

Suffering Severe Burns, Parant Limps About Streets In Vain Search

About to be evicted from its home, with no place to house five of the seven children and rents so scarce that they cannot find a place in which to locate, the family of James Nolan of 62 Hurd avenue is in dire straits for living quarters. Today the advice of Superintendent Spencer R. Gordon was sought in the effort to get some place where the children can be boarded until a rent is found. Nolan is unable to work because of severe burns suffered about 10 days ago when he was nearly electrocuted, but his family is not dependent upon charity and simply desires a shelter.

About a week ago the Nolans were informed that they would have to get out of the house by today, as the brother of the owner is coming to this city and the house is desired for the accommodation of his family. Search of the city has failed to reveal any rent within their means and when the circumstances were related to Gordon today, he said it was one of the most pathetic brought to his attention during the time he has been head of the department.

Nolan, an employe of the Connecticut Co., was called to Congress and Main streets, a week ago last Thursday night when some trouble was found with a trolley car at the corner. He was the repair man on duty and while investigating the trouble, a flash occurred and he was severely stunned and burned. His narrow escape from electrocution appalled other employes of the company and though he plotted the car to the barn, he was suffering intense agony and had to be relieved of duty as soon as the car reached the yard.

Medical assistance was summoned and Nolan was able to be taken home. While confined to bed, recuperating from the effects of the near electrocution, he was made aware of the landlord's intention. With his arms swathed in bandages and barely able to be about, he tramped about the city in company with his wife, but with no place of eviction at hand and with no day to go, Mrs. Nolan today sought Superintendent Gordon to find out if the charities department could assist in finding a rent or in locating the children in some home until a rent is obtained. Because of the quarantine observed at the various institutions throughout the state on account of the poliomyelitis epidemic, the children could not be placed in any of the public homes though arrangements were made whereby Agnes, four years old, and William, one year old, were to be placed in the New England Home for Little Wanderers.

But the quarantine prevents the placing of the other children in any institution and William, 15, Robert, 11, Clifford, nine, Jonathan, seven, and Anna, six, with their parents are without a home.

The family has always been self-supporting and has not been obliged to seek aid from the city but in this case it has been necessary to seek the aid of the charities department for rent Superintendent Gordon said today if anyone knows of a rent in the city or the suburbs he would be greatly pleased to have him communicate with the department, or if there is any family that would wish to take some of the children as boarders until the parents establish themselves, it can make arrangements by seeing him.

## A.O.H. OF STATE AT MIDDLETOWN FOR FIELD DAY

Throngs of Visitors Flock to the Big Event of Hibernians

Middletown, Conn., Aug. 22.—The Hibernians of Connecticut today took possession of Middletown. It was the occasion of their field day, and the introductory event of the biennial convention, which will extend through Thursday. No better day ever fell to the lot of this organization. It was a bit hot but the city was swept by a gentle breeze most of the forenoon tempering the sun's rays and making the marching of the lodges and of the uniformed branches not uncomfortable.

It was not possible to fix a definite estimate of the number of members of the order who turned out or of the influx of visitors. The aggregate exceeded the figure which the local reception committee had planned for. Special trains brought in lodges from the more distant parts of the state, while trolleys and automobiles were the means of conveyance of thousands of others.

As fast as lodges arrived they were given places in line for the parade which was started shortly after 11 o'clock. This was the main feature of the day and upon its conclusion the visitors went to Crystal Lake Park for dinner and later to witness the athletic games.

## R.R. MAGNATES ARE FRAMING REPLY TO PRESIDENT'S PLAN

May Have Counter-Proposal to Submit That Will Meet With Approval of Employees—Trainmen Marking Time While Sub-Committee of Railroad Presidents Drafts Answer to White House Proposition—Are Hopeful of Settlement.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The answer of more than 60 railroad presidents, to President Wilson's proposed plan for averting the threatened strike was being formulated today. Every utterance of the railroad heads has displayed opposition to the President's suggestion, but it was considered possible a counter-proposal acceptable to the employees would be made as the basis for further negotiations.

A committee had in charge the framing of a reply and it appeared doubtful that it could be finished today.

The employees' committee of 640 continued to mark time and considered issuing a statement refuting charges of the railway heads that the President's settlement plan would provide virtually a 25 per cent. wage increase, rather than an actual eight-hour work day. A statement issued by the railroad executives said it was impossible to believe public opinion would favor giving up the principle of arbitration and the granting of \$50,000,000 increased wages to one-seventh of all railway employes who belong to the union brotherhoods, "without a hearing before a public tribunal."

Petitions bearing signatures of 80,000 employes not members of the brotherhoods protesting against a strike were on file at the White House today.

At 10 o'clock this morning the men went into a meeting which was attended by leaders of all four brotherhoods. No special purpose was attached to any of the leaders said it was just to keep the men together. A statement in reply to the arguments of the railroad executives on the question of arbitration was being prepared by the leaders and probably will be issued for publication tomorrow. The brotherhood officials described the situation as unchanged. The railroad executives made a formal announcement that consideration of the situation has been turned over to a committee of eight and that no conclusion had been reached. The following were announced as members of the committee which will work on President Wilson's proposal and make a report to the assembled executives: Hale Holden, Burlington; W. W. Atterbury, Pennsylvania; Fairfax Harrison, Southern; Robert E. Lounsbury, Union Pacific; E. H. Ripley, Santa Fe; A. H. Smith, New York Central; Frank Trumbull, Chesapeake & Ohio; Daniel Willard, Baltimore & Ohio.

While the sub-committee was working the executives got into touch with their boards of directors. It was understood that a reply might be ready for President Wilson tonight or tomorrow morning. In administration circles it was said there was hope for a settlement. The exact nature of the proposal to be submitted to President Wilson was not revealed, but it was believed it concerned the concession of the eight-hour day.

One suggestion understood to be under consideration was the submission of the collateral from the interstate commerce commission or a provision for making permanent the committee of investigation suggested by President Wilson. The brotherhood meeting did nothing and adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

An invitation from Vice-President Marshall to all of the representatives to visit the Senate today was accepted.

## VAST "HOSTILE" FLEET SEEKS TO LAND FORCES HERE IN BG WAR GAME

Washington, Aug. 22.—A "Red" enemy fleet of great size conveying 30 transports laden with an invading army arrived within 600 miles of the Atlantic coast at 6 o'clock this morning and the greatest war game ever undertaken by the navy department began.

Within an hour the 12 battleships of the "Blue" defending fleet were speeding to sea behind a far-flung line of destroyers and scouts, intent upon meeting and destroying the enemy.

Admiral Mayo commands the "Red" fleet of 15 battleships, six destroyers, in the scouting line, and six other navy craft, representing the fleet of transports and other ships.

Rear Admiral Helm had 17 destroyers and seven light cruisers as his scouting screen and close to shore are 15 submarines as a last line of naval defense.

Rear Admiral Knight, president of the navy war college, aboard the super-dreadnaught Pennsylvania, will umpire the game in which seventy reserve battleships of "Blue" main line are manned by naval militiamen and civilian volunteers. Admiral Mayo has until September 1 to evade the "Blue" fleet and effect a landing at any point between Cape Hatteras and Eastport, Me. The sphere of action extends 600 miles to sea.

## REPORT GERMAN WARSHIP SUNK

London, Aug. 22.—A British official announcement this afternoon says it is believed that a German battleship of the Nassau class has been sunk by British submarine E-22.

The Nassau class of battleship comprises four vessels with displacements of 18,600 tons each. They are the Nassau, Posen, Rheinland and Westfalen. The last named battleship was at first reported sunk in the Jutland naval engagement last May but afterwards was declared by Berlin to be safe in a home port.

## SH! EBENEZER AND J. HENRY SEE HOLCOMB

Governor and G. O. P. Boss Close Doors When Hill Arrives, Too

Hartford, Aug. 22.—Congressman E. J. Hill, of the 4th district and Chairman J. Henry Roraback, of the Republican state central committee, held a prolonged conference in the executive office in the capitol today. Shortly after the governor arrived at the office, the state chairman put in an appearance. The doors leading into the governor's office were wide open and there was nothing to indicate that the topic of conversation was of a confidential nature.

Congressman Hill came to the office shortly before 12 o'clock. It was then that the doors were closed.

**HOUSE PASSES AMENDED BILL FOR BIG ARMY**

Washington, Aug. 22.—Without the revised articles of war, to portions of which President Wilson and the war departments objected, the House today re-passed the army appropriation bill.

The Senate is expected to insert an acceptable revision and the House is expected to later accept it.

President Wilson vetoed the bill because of portions of the revision.